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1. An egg cleaning kit adapted for removing contents of a raw egg from the interior of a shell therefor so that an exterior surface of said shell may be subjected to a manual decorative process by a decorator, comprising:

5 (a) a hole-former operative upon use by the decorator to produce an opening of selected size and shape through the shell of said raw egg;

10 (b) an injector including a nozzle sized and adapted to be inserted through the opening into the interior of said shell, said injector operative upon use by the decorator to introduce air into the interior at a pressure greater than ambient pressure whereby the interior becomes pressurized thereby to eject the contents of said raw egg from the shell; and

15 (c) a holder including a first portion operative to engage said shell after removal of the contents thereof and to support said shell during the decorative process and a second portion adapted to be manually grasped by the decorator such that the decorator can manipulate said shell during the decorative process.

2. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 wherein said hole-former includes a piece of sandpaper.

3. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 2 wherein said sand paper is a wet and dry type having a grit size within a range of about 100 to 150, inclusive.

4. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 2 wherein said hole-former includes a support for said piece of sandpaper, said support having a longitudinally extending rib operative to support said piece of sandpaper.

5. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 4 wherein said support includes a channel member having a longitudinally extending channel with a bottom surface and a pair of upwardly disposed channel sidewalls spaced-apart from one another sufficiently so as to accommodate the shell for sliding movement therein, said rib being centrally located in the channel along the bottom surface thereof.

6. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 5 including a stand adapted to rest on a support surface, said stand operative to engage the second portion of said holder and to support the first portion of said holder such that the shell engaged thereby is held in a suspended relation relative to the support surface.

7. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 6 wherein said stand and said channel member are formed as an integral one-piece construction.

8. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 7 including a blister package for contents of said kit, said blister package having a plastic

blister secured to a backing card, said channel member and said stand being molded as part of said plastic blister.

9. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 wherein said injector includes a hollow, compressible body portion including an injector bottom wall, a top opposite said bottom wall and a surrounding injector sidewall formed as a bellows structure, said nozzle outwardly projecting from said top of said body portion.

10. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 9 wherein said nozzle is elongated and has a length of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (1.9 cm).

11. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 wherein the first portion of said holder is resilient so as to resiliently engage the shell when inserted into the opening therein.

12. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 11 wherein said holder is formed of a plastic material and configured as an elongated cylindrical tube.

13. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 11 wherein said first and second portions are each linear element, and wherein said holder includes a bendable joint interconnecting said first and second portions, said joint constructed to adjustably position and adjustably retain said first and second portions at different oblique angles with respect to one another.

14. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 11 including a guide element adapted to engage an end of said first portion and to pre-form said end into a shape similar to the opening in the shell.

15. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 including a stand adapted to rest on a support surface, said stand operative to engage the second portion of said holder and to support the first portion of said holder such that the shell engaged thereby is held in a suspended relation relative to the support surface.

16. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 including a container defining an enclosed chamber having a container interior sized and adapted to receive both the shell and a decorative fluid therefor, said container having a mouth opening through which the shell and the decorative fluid may be introduced and including a removable lid secured thereto.

17. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 16 wherein said lid includes a port therethrough.

18. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 1 including a decorative material for use in decorating the exterior shell of said egg.

19. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 18 wherein said decorative material is selected from a group consisting of: dyes, paints, inks, foils, decals, string, beads, glitter, stickers, wax stickers, fabric, paper and feathers.

20. An egg cleaning and decorating kit adapted for removing contents of a raw egg from the interior of a shell therefor so that said shell may be subjected to a manual decorative process by a decorator, comprising:

5 (a) a hole-former operative upon use by the decorator to produce an opening of selected size and shape through the shell of said raw egg;

10 (b) an injector including a nozzle sized and adapted to be inserted through the opening into the interior of said shell, said injector operative upon use by the decorator to introduce air into the interior at a pressure greater than ambient pressure whereby the interior becomes pressurized thereby to eject the contents of said raw egg from the shell; and

15 (c) a container having an interior sized and adapted to receive both the shell and a decorative fluid therefor and having sufficient depth so that the shell is completely submersible in the decorative fluid, said container having a mouth opening through which the shell and the decorative fluid may be introduced and including a removable lid secured to said enclosure to substantially seal the mouth and operative upon removal to allow placement of the shell and the decorative fluid completely within the interior of said container.

20. An egg cleaning and decorating kit according to claim 20 including a holder having a first resilient portion operative to resiliently

5 engage said shell after removal of the contents thereof when inserted into the opening therein and to support said shell during the decorative process and a second portion adapted to be manually grasped by the decorator such that the decorator can manipulate said shell during the decorative process.

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5 22. An egg cleaning and decorating kit according to claim 23 wherein said lid includes a port therethrough that is sized to receive and to frictionally engage said holder whereby said holder assists in submerging the shell in the decorative fluid when the shell and the decorative fluid are placed within the interior of said container.

23. An egg cleaning kit adapted for removing contents of a raw egg from the interior of a shell therefor so that an exterior surface of said shell may be subjected to a manual decorative process by a decorator, comprising:

5 (a) a hole-former operative upon use by the decorator to produce an opening of selected size and shape through the shell of said raw egg;

10 (b) an injector including a nozzle sized and adapted to be inserted through the opening into the interior of said shell, said injector operative upon use by the decorator to introduce air into the interior at a pressure greater than ambient pressure whereby the interior becomes pressurized thereby to eject the contents of said raw egg from the shell; and

15 (c) a surface decoration material adapted to be applied to the exterior surface of the shell during the decorative process.

24. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 23 wherein said decorative material is selected from a group consisting of: dyes, paints, inks, foils, decals, string, beads, glitter, stickers, wax stickers, fabric, paper and feathers.

5 25. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 23 wherein said hole-former includes a piece of sandpaper and a support for said piece of sandpaper.

5 26. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 25 wherein said support includes a channel member having a longitudinally extending channel with a bottom surface and a pair of upwardly disposed channel sidewalls spaced-apart from one another sufficiently so as to accommodate the shell for sliding movement therein, said support including a longitudinally extending rib operative to support said piece of sandpaper with said rib being centrally located in the channel along the bottom surface thereof.

27. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 26 including a holder including a first portion operative to engage said shell after removal of the contents thereof and to support said shell during the decorative process and a second portion adapted to be manually grasped by the decorator such that the decorator can manipulate said shell during the decorative process.

28. An egg cleaning kit according to claim 27 including a stand adapted to rest on a support surface, said stand operative to engage the second portion of said holder and to support the first portion of said holder such that the shell engaged thereby is held in a suspended relation relative to the support surface.

29. A method of treating a raw egg for decorative purposes wherein said egg has an outer shell, an exterior surface, an interior and fluid contents including albumen and vitellus material, comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming an ovoid opening through the outer shell of said egg at a first selected location; and
- (b) injecting air into the interior of said egg at a second location spaced from said first location at a pressure sufficient to eject the fluid contents out of the ovoid opening.

30. A method of treating a raw egg according to claim 29 wherein the step of forming the ovoid opening is accomplished by sanding away an area of the outer shell.

31. A method of treating a raw egg according to claim 30 including the step of supporting a piece of sandpaper on a longitudinally extending rib and thereafter sliding the outer shell longitudinally along the rib and sandpaper.

32. A method of treating a raw egg according to claim 31 including the step of guiding lateral side portions of the outer shell during the sliding movement thereof.

33. A method of treating a raw egg according to claim 29 including the step of providing a holder that includes a resilient first portion and a second portion adapted to be manually grasped by the decorator such that the decorator can manipulate said shell during the decorative process and the step of engaging the ovoid opening with the resilient first portion of said holder.

34. A method of treating a raw egg according to claim 29 including the step of injecting a cleaning fluid into the interior of the shell after ejecting the fluid contents of said raw egg thereby to wash albumen and vitellus residue therefrom.

35. A method of decorating an egg shell that has an exterior surface, an interior and fluid contents including albumen and vitellus material, comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming an opening through the outer shell of a raw egg at a first selected location; and
- (b) injecting air into the interior of said raw egg at a second location remote from said first location at a pressure sufficient to eject any fluid contents therein out of the ovoid opening;

10 (c) providing a holder for said shell, said holder including a first resilient portion operative to engage the opening in said shell after removal of the contents thereof;

15 (d) inserting the resilient portion of said holder through the opening and into the interior of said shell whereby the resilient portion engages the opening;

(e) supporting said shell on said holder; and

(f) decorating the exterior surface of said shell while on said holder.